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# NFC EAST GOES AT IT WHILE TOP AFC TEAMS CLASH ON NATIONAL TV

The NFC East goes at it again (same as Week 2)...T.O. returns to Philly... "comeback" QBs match up...and two sets of first-round quarterbacks meet for the first time.

All this and more improbable moments are surely in store as the NFL turns to Week 5 of its schedule.

Last week, one game ended on a five-lateral, three-fumble play that reminded everybody of the Cal-Stanford game of 1982...an overtime game was decided on a 68-yard TD pass...and two games had six lead changes apiece – the most in a weekend in 20 years (see NFL Factoid below).

"It's a crazy game," says Buffalo Bills quarterback **J.P. LOSMAN**. "At this level, it's amazing how teams can come back so fast and so quick."

Week 5 is sure to have more amazing moments:

#### **BUFFALO BILLS (2-2) at CHICAGO BEARS (4-0)**

#### STORYLINE: Two first-round QBs meet for the first time.

Chicago's **REX GROSSMAN** (No. 22 overall in 2003) has taken the club to its first 4-0 start since 1991 and is the second-ranked passer (100.8) in the NFC. He distributed passes to six different receivers in the Bears' 37-6 win over Seattle Sunday night. "I'm really pleased with the decisions Rex is making," says Chicago offensive coordinator **RON TURNER**. "He's naturally aggressive, which is a huge strength for him. He's doing a good job of knowing when to be aggressive."

The Bills' **J.P. LOSMAN** (No. 22 overall in 2004) was even more liberal with his throws in Week 4, sending them to eight receivers. For the third time in four games, Losman was turnover-free. "His confidence is growing every game," says Buffalo **WR JOSH REED**. "He knows that if he throws the ball, we're going to make plays."

Losman will confront a Chicago defense – ranked fourth in the league -- that has allowed the fewest points of any team that has played four games (29) and ranks third in the NFL with 15 sacks (14 from the DL). The Bears, meanwhile, will try to stop the NFL's rushing leader, **WILLIS MC GAHEE** (389 yards).

<u>Hey, Coach</u>!: New Bills head coach **DICK JAURON** will face the team he led for five seasons (1999-03), taking it to a 13-3 record in 2001 and a division championship.

#### WASHINGTON REDSKINS (2-2) at NEW YORK GIANTS (1-2)

#### STORYLINE: Does Arrington have the antidote for Brunell? Will Santana feel at home?

Might be a barn-burner! This NFC-East game features the league's No. 2 (Giants) and No. 3 (Redskins) offenses, plus a good number of scenarios.

New Giants strongside **LB LA VAR ARRINGTON** was a six-year Redskin and an All-Star from 2001-03. He saw Washington **QB MARK BRUNELL** every day in practice, so he can tell his mates about the QB's tendencies. Will it do any good? In his past two games, the 36-year-old Brunell (who played under Giants head coach **TOM COUGHLIN** for eight years in Jacksonville) has set an NFL record for consecutive completions in a game (22), and last Sunday against the Jaguars

#### **NFL FACTOID**

MOST LEAD CHANGES IN 20 YEARS: Week 4's Indianapolis-NY Jets and Detroit-St. Louis games each saw their leads change hands six times. That was the most games in a weekend with that many changes since 1986 (Week 3, Miami-NY Jets and Atlanta-Dallas).

led Washington to an overtime victory with 18-for-30 passing for 329 yards and three touchdowns.

His final TD was a 68-yarder in OT to **SANTANA MOSS**, the receiver's third score of the game. It was the third career three-TD game for Moss (his brother **SINORICE** is a Giants rookie WR). The first two came against the Giants, last year and in 2003 at Giants Stadium when he played for the Jets. "He's the best after the catch I've played with," says Brunell.

Giants **RB TIKI BARBER** will pit his 98.5-yard average in New York's last six games with Washington against the Redskins' fifth-ranked NFL rush defense. Meanwhile, Redskins **RB CLINTON PORTIS** leads the NFC in rush TDs (4).

### DALLAS COWBOYS (2-1) at PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (3-1)

#### STORYLINE: Hello T.O.!

No. 81 – **WR TERRELL OWENS** – returns for the first time to the city in which he starred for the Eagles and helped them to Super Bowl XXXIX. And will "The Linc" be rocking!

"Yeah, it's going to be a big game, that's for sure," says Cowboys **TE JASON WITTEN**. "We've heard about this one since the schedule came out."

But all memories aside, this is a division battle, which comes packed with even more tension. The Eagles had swept four of the past five season series (split in 2003) before the Cowboys took both meetings last year (33-10 and 21-20 in Philly on a **ROY WILLIAMS** INT-return TD as the Cowboys overcame a 13-point deficit in the final four minutes).

All eyes will be on Owens, but safeties **BRIAN DAWKINS** and **MICHAEL LEWIS** also will have to be wary of **WR TERRY GLENN** (two TD catches in Week 4). "When Owens is out there, Glenn gets single coverage, and you can't cover him one-on-one," says Dallas **QB DREW BLEDSOE**.

The Eagles come off an impressive 31-9 MNF victory over Green Bay – their third '06 win by a double-digit margin -- in which backup **WR GREG LEWIS** had two second-half TD catches.

#### PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-2) at SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (2-1) (Sunday, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

#### STORYLINE: Roethlisberger vs. Rivers.

Two 2004 first-round quarterbacks...both 6-5...first meeting...each seeking to bounce back after losses. The Steelers' **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (No. 11 overall in '04) last year became the youngest quarterback (23) in history to win a Super Bowl. San Diego's **PHILIP RIVERS** (No. 4) is in his first year as a starter. Yet so far, Rivers ranks above Roethlisberger in almost every passing category.

These two won't be physically going at it, but **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** and the Steelers' rush defense will, and that matchup could be the key to the game. Tomlinson – the Chargers' all-time leading rusher (7,661 yards) -- already has 300 yards (and 11 catches) in San Diego's first three games. It is critical, say members of Pittsburgh's fourth-ranked NFL rushing defense, to stop "LT."

"He is fast, strong, has a low center of gravity," says Steelers **LB JAMES FARRIOR**. "He can see anywhere on the field. The key is to stop the run. They don't want to put too much pressure on the quarterback because he is still learning."

A year ago (10/10) on a Monday night in San Diego, the teams met, with Tomlinson accounting for 130 total yards (62 rushing, 68 receiving) in a game with three lead changes before Pittsburgh took it 24-22 on a 40-yard **JEFF REED** kick.

#### BALTIMORE RAVENS (4-0) at DENVER BRONCOS (2-1) (Monday, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

#### STORYLINE: They can come back if they have to.

The two QBs in this one – Baltimore's **STEVE MC NAIR** and Denver's **JAKE PLUMMER** – are known for their comeback game-winning abilities. Plummer has 22 such games in his career, and this year, new Raven McNair has led the team to its first-ever 4-0 start with comeback victories in the past two games. "If we don't make enough plays to win early, we can make plays to win the game late," says Ravens **LB RAY LEWIS**. "That's why we brought Steve McNair here."

The Broncos also have a new guy who might worry Baltimore's fourth-ranked NFL pass defense – former Packers **WR JAVON WALKER**. In Week 2, his 24-yard overtime catch set up a winning field goal. In Week 3 (the Broncs had a bye last week), Walker mixed in TD catches of 32 and 83 yards in his 130-yard production against New England. He gained all 130 yards on third-down receptions. "That was a coup when we got him." says Broncos **S JOHN LYNCH**.

Walker and the Broncos have to be wary when they go to the air, though. Baltimore ties St. Louis for the most interceptions (8) in the NFL.

#### WEEK 5

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

#### **CLEVELAND BROWNS (1-3) AT CAROLINA PANTHERS (2-2)**

#### **SERIES**

	BROWNS	<u>PANTHERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		2-0
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Crennel: 0-0	Fox: 1-0
LAST WEEK	W 24-21 at Raiders	W 21-18 vs. Saints
LAST GAME	12/1/02: Panthers 13 at Browns 6. Carolina RB Dee Brown runs for 122 yards & Panthers' defense forces 5 Cleveland turnovers.	
LAST GAME AT SITE		
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Frye: 79-125-866-5-7-73.6	Delhomme: 79-137-808-3-1-79.0
RUSHING	Droughns: 50-159-3.2-1	Foster: 64-267-4.2-1
RECEIVING	Winslow (TE): 22-228-10.4-2	Johnson: 22-306-13.9-1
OFFENSE	264.5	290.0
TAKE/GIVE	-6	-2
DEFENSE	346.8	341.5
SACKS	Wimbley (R): 3.0	Peppers: 5.0 (T1L)
INTs	Jones: 2	Gamble, Lucas: 1
PUNTING	Zastudil: 44.4	Baker: 46.7 (3C)
KICKING	Dawson: 15 (9/9 PAT; 2/3 FG)	Kasay: 30 (6/6 PAT; 8/8 FG)

#### **NOTES**

BROWNS: Club aims for 1st set of consecutive road wins in same season since 2003 (Wks. 3, 5). Team travels to Carolina for 1st time...QB CHARLIE FRYE has 3 rushing TDs - most by a Browns QB since BRIAN SIPE (3) in 1978. Frye's 3 rushing TDs tie for second-highest total in NFL. Offense has scored TDs in 8 of 13 (61.5 pct.) trips inside 20...RB REUBEN DROUGHNS (w/ Den) rushed for career-high 193 yds vs. Panthers on 30 carries for 6.4-yd avg. (10/10/04). Droughns has rushed for at least 99 yds in 6 of past past 9 Oct. games... WR BRAYLON EDWARDS has at least 75 rec. yds in 3 consecutive games. Since Wk 2, Edwards (301) has 3rd most rec. yds in NFL w/ 1 TD. In that span, Edwards has 15 catches for 20.1-yd avg. TE KELLEN WINSLOW leads NFL TEs in receptions (22) with 228 rec. yds & 2 TDs...LB ANDRA DAVIS leads team w/ 38 tackles...WR-PR DENNIS NORTHCUTT stands atop the NFL w/ 15.1 PR avg. K PHIL DAWSON leads NFL w/ 7 TBs on kickoffs, helping club top AFC on opponents' avg. drive start after kickoff (20.9)... PANTHERS: Club seeks 3rd consecutive win after 0-2 start...With 1 INT in 137 pass atts, QB JAKE DELHOMME ranks 5th in NFL with 0.7 INT pct...RB DE SHAUN FOSTER rushed for 105 yards (16 carries, TD) vs. NO. Club is 5-0 all-time, inc. playoffs, when he rushes for 100 yards & 9-1 (.900) when he has 20+ carries. Among rookies with 20+ carries, 1st-rnd pick RB DE ANGELO WILLIAMS ranks 3rd with 5.4 yards per carry avg. (25-135)...WR STEVE SMITH has 100-yards or 10+ catches in 3 games in row. WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON has reception in all 155 career games, 2nd-longest active streak in NFL (Marvin Harrison, 158)...Defense holds foes to 27.5 3rd down conversion pct (14 of 51), 6th in NFL... With 5 sacks in 1st 4 games, **DE JULIUS PEPPERS** is off to best start of 6-year career. Seeks sack in 4th consecutive game. DAMIONE LEWIS ties for 4th among NFL DTs with 2 sacks...In 2+ years with Car, CB CHRIS GAMBLE has 14 INTs & needs 1 to pass DOUG EVANS (14) for 3rd in team history...Club holds opponents to 4.1-yard PR avg, 5th-best in NFL.

### **BUFFALO BILLS (2-2) AT CHICAGO BEARS (4-0)**

#### **SERIES**

	BILLS	BEARS
SERIES LEADER		5-4
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Jauron: 0-0	Smith: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 17-12 vs. Vikings	W 37-6 vs. Seahawks
LAST GAME	9/29/02: Bears 27 at Bills 33 (OT). Buffalo QB Drew Bledsoe throws 4 TD passes,	
	including 26-yarder to RB Travis Henry 1:58 into OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/7/97: Bears 20, Bills 3. Chicago QB Erik Kramer throws 2 TD passes during 6-minute	
	stretch in 2nd quarter & Bears' defense allows 10 first downs in win.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Losman: 71-111-797-3-1-90.6	Grossman: 78-125-1,061-8 (T2C)-3-100.8 (2C)
RUSHING	McGahee: 99 (1L)-389 (1L)-3.9-1	Jones: 84-279-3.3-2
RECEIVING	Evans: 19-241-12.7-0	Muhammad: 24 (3C)-324-13.5-1
OFFENSE	295.5	357.8
TAKE/GIVE	+2	+6 (2C)
DEFENSE	296.8 (2C)	257.0 (1C)
SACKS	Denney, Kelsay: 3.0	T. Harris: 5.0 (T1L)
INTs	Crowell: 2	R. Manning: 2
PUNTING	Moorman: 40.6	Maynard: 45.7
KICKING	Lindell: 28 (7/7 PAT; 7/8 FG)	Gould: 50 (T1L) (11/11 PAT; 13/13 FG)

#### **NOTES**

BILLS: Head coach DICK JAURON is former Bears head coach ('99-'03), led Chi to '01 division title w/ 13-3 (.813) record to earn AP NFL Coach of Year, joining HOFs GEORGE HALAS & MIKE DITKA as only coaches to lead Chi to 13 wins in single season... QB J.P. LOSMAN has established career-high in completions in consecutive wks w/ 23 in win vs. Min last Sunday. Losman is 4th in AFC 4th qtr passing rating (92.4), completing 19 of 27 (70.4) attempts...RB WILLIS MC GAHEE leads NFL w/ 389 rush yds & has rush of 10+ yds in 31 of past 34 games. McGahee (2,764) needs 79 rush yds to surpass JIM BRAXTON (2,842) for 8th most in club history...WR LEE EVANS has reached 1st down on 80 of 115 career rec. (69.9 pct). WR PEERLESS PRICE has catch in 59 consecutive games as Bill...G CHRIS VILLARRIAL has started 35 of 36 games for Bills since joining team from Bears where he started 109 of 116 games (1996-2003)...LB ANGELO CROWELL has INT in 2 of past 3 games; Bills are 4-0 (1.000) when Crowell has INT. DES RYAN DENNEY (3) & CHRIS KELSAY (3) compose 1 of 5 AFC teammate tandems w/ 3.0+ sacks each...BEARS: Seek 1st 5-0 start since '86 team went 6-0 en route to 14-2 record...Have allowed 1 TD or less in 8 consecutive home games, longest active streak in NFL...QB REX GROSSMAN is 8-3 (.727) in 11 career starts. Ranks 2nd in NFL avging. 8.49 yards per pass, helping club to 116 points in 4 games, 3rd-most in league...Club has won 10 games in row when RB THOMAS JONES has 20+ carries. Avgs. 113.5 rushing yards per game in past 4 vs. AFC foes (454 yards)...WR BERNARD BERRIAN leads NFL with 4 receptions of 40+ yards & ties for league lead with 3 TD catches. His 21.1-yards per catch avg. tops all players with min. 15 catches (15 rec-316 yards). WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD ties for 5th in NFL with 6 catches of 20+ yards...Club has allowed NFL-low 29 points & ranks 1st yielding 21.6 3rd down conversion pct. (11 of 51)...TOMMIE HARRIS leads NFL DTs & ties for 1st overall with career-high 5 sacks. Rookie 5th-round DE MARK ANDERSON leads all rookies with 3.5 sacks...ROBBIE GOULD is 13 of 13 on FGs & needs 4 to surpass KEVIN BUTLER's club record (16, '95) for most consecutive FGs to start season.

## ST. LOUIS RAMS (3-1) AT GREEN BAY PACKERS (1-3) SERIES

	RAMS	PACKERS
SERIES LEADER	44-40-2	
STREAKS		6 of past 8
COACHES VS. OPP.	Linehan: 0-0	McCarthy: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 41-34 vs. Lions	L 31-9 at Eagles
LAST GAME	11/29/04: Rams 17 at Packers 45. Green Bay QB Brett Favre passes for 3 TDs while Packers RB Najeh Davenport rushes for 178 yards & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/29/04	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Bulger: 84-141-1,039-5-0-94.3	Favre: 93-164-1,055-6-5-75.6
RUSHING	S. Jackson: 90-367 (1C)-4.1-1	Green: 58-215-3.7-0
RECEIVING	Holt: 26 (1C)-332 (3C)-12.8-3 (T1L)	Driver: 23-319-13.9-1
OFFENSE	344.0	342.5
TAKE/GIVE	+10 (1L)	-3
DEFENSE	334.0	390.8
SACKS	Little: 3.0	Kampman: 4.5
INTs	Atogwe, Brown: 2 (T2C)	Three tied: 1
PUNTING	Turk: 43.7	Ryan: 47.1 (2C)
KICKING	Wilkins: 50 (T1L) (5/5 PAT; 15/18 FG)	Rayner: 25 (7/7 PAT; 6/8 FG)

#### **NOTES**

RAMS: All 4 '06 games decided by 8 points or less. Club leads NFL with +10 takeaway/giveaway ratio after finishing '05 at -10...QB MARC BULGER has 0 INTs in past 186 pass atts, 2nd-longest streak in franchise history (Roman Gabriel, 206, '68-'69) & longest active streak in NFL...In 9 career games with 20+ carries, RB STEVEN JACKSON has rushed for 1,020 yards (113.3 yards per game) & club is 8-1 (.889). Has 2 100-yard games this season & team is 39-1 (.975) with 100-yard rusher since '95... WR ISAAC BRUCE aims for 3rd consecutive 100-yard receiving game vs. GB. Has 18 catches for 299 yards (149.5 yards per game) in past 2 meetings. Has 12,598 career receiving yards & needs 124 to pass ART MONK (12,721) for 10th in NFL history. WR TORRY HOLT has 9,819 career receiving yards & needs 181 to become 27th player all-time with 10,000. With 41 career 100-yard receiving games, needs 1 to tie CRIS CARTER (42) for 9th all-time...Defense ranks 2nd in NFL with 6.7 INT pct. (8 INTs in 119 att)...DE LEONARD LITTLE has posted 0.5+ sacks in 51.5 pct. of games (52 of 101) with Rams posting 34-18 (.654) mark in those contests... PACKERS: QB BRETT FAVRE has led club to 16-6 (.727) home record in Oct. since '92, 7th-best in NFL. With 54,670 career passing yards, needs 330 to join **DAN MARINO** (61,361) as only player ever with 55,000. Is 6-2 (.750) in 8 career starts vs. Rams, tossing 2+ TD passes in 6 of 8 games...RB AHMAN GREEN has 48 rushing TDs with GB & needs 2 to become 3rd Packer with 50 career. Ranks 4th among NFL RBs with 17 receptions for 138 receiving yards...WR DONALD DRIVER (4,903) needs 97 receiving yards to become 9th player in franchise history with 5,000. Has 6+ catches & 95+ yards or TD catch in 5 of past 6 games. Has 178 catches at Lambeau & needs 1 to pass JAMES LOFTON (178) for 2nd in stadium history, trailing ANTONIO FREEMAN (213). WR GREG JENNINGS ranks 2nd among rookies with 259 receiving yards (15 receptions) & ties for 3rd with 2 TDs... DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA aims for 4th consecutive game (incl. playoffs) vs. Rams with sack... CB AL HARRIS scored 1st career TD vs. Rams on 17-yard INT-TD (1/2/00 with Phi).

## TENNESSEE TITANS (0-4) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (4-0) SERIES

	<u>TITANS</u>	COLTS
SERIES LEADER		13-9
STREAKS		Past 6
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fisher: 3-6	Dungy: 6-4
LAST WEEK	L 45-14 vs. Cowboys	W 31-28 at Jets
LAST GAME	12/4/05: Titans 3 at Colts 35. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning throws 3 TDs passes as Colts become 5th team in NFL history to begin season 12-0.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/4/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Don Criqui, Richard Baldinger	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Young (R): 42-90-549-1-6-42.3	Manning: 86-140-1,112 (1C)-6-1 (T2C)-97.7
RUSHING	Brown: 34-106-3.1-0	Addai (R): 46-207-4.5-1
RECEIVING	Bennett: 18-245-13.6-1	Harrison: 29 (3C)-413 (1L)-14.2-0
OFFENSE	272.8	366.5 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	-7	+7 (2C)
DEFENSE	388.5	337.5
SACKS	Finnegan, Vanden Bosch: 2.0	Mathis: 4.5 (2C)
INTs	Hope: 1	4 tied: 1
PUNTING	Hentrich: 40.8	Smith: 45.4
KICKING	Bironas: 11 (2/2 PAT; 3/4 FG)	Vinatieri: 27 (6/6 PAT; 7/7 FG)

#### <u>NOTES</u>

TITANS: Club is 26-16 (.619) in Oct. games since 1996...Rookie QB VINCE YOUNG made 1st NFL start vs. Dal last wk. leading team to FG drive on 1st possession & completed 2+ passes to 5 players. Young has TD pass in consecutive games...Rookie RB LEN DALE WHITE last week rushed 9 times for 39 yds (4.3 avg.) to lead club. RB CHRIS BROWN has 100+ rush yds in 2 of 5 career games vs. Colts, including career-high 152 yds on 9/19/04. RB TRAVIS HENRY scored 1st career rushing TD vs. Colts on 9/23/01 w/ Buf. In 25 career division games, Henry averages 4.2 yds/carry...WR DREW BENNETT has 5+ catches in 8 of past 13 games vs. AFC South. WR DAVID GIVENS (w/NE) has catch of 25+ yds in each of his past 2 vs. Colts...Rookie CB CORTLAND FINNEGAN has 2.0 sacks, 1 PD, 1 FF, & 1 FR in 1st 4 games. S CHRIS HOPE notched 1st INT as Titan last wk. LB DAVID THORNTON is former Colt (2002-05), twice named as a defensive captain & played in 63 of 64 possible games for Ind. Club notched 5 sacks in last road game (at Mia, Wk 3)...Kickoff coverage unit ranks No. 4 in AFC in opponents' avg. drive start (24.0)... COLTS: Team has won 6 in row vs. Tenn & 11 consecutive inside AFC South. Club has owned or shared AFC South lead in 65 of 72 weeks of division's existence...Head coach TONY DUNGY (111) needs 1 win to tie HOF coach **JOHN MADDEN** (112) in career victories...QB PEYTON MANNING has thrown TD pass in 116 of 132 (87.9 pct.) career games, including 7 of 8 vs. Titans. Manning has rush TD in past 2 wks for margin of victory. Offense is NFL's best in 3rd down conv. pct. at 62.3 pct. (33 of 53)...Rookie RB JOSEPH ADDAI (207) is 2nd among AFC rookie rushers & averages 4.5 yds/carry. Addai is 3rd on team w/ 11 catches... WR MARVIN HARRISON has catch in 1st 158 career games, tied with MARSHALL FAULK for longest games w/ catch streak to begin career. Harrison (12,744) needs 42 rec. yds to surpass IRVING FRYAR for 8th most in NFL history. WR REGGIE WAYNE has TD catch in 4 games in row vs. Tenn. TE BRYAN FLETCHER has TD catch in 2 of past 3 games...DE ROBERT MATHIS has 1.0 sack vs. Tenn in past 2 mtgs & has 2.0 sacks in 2 of past 3 overall. **DE DWIGHT FREENEY** has at least 1.0 sack in 7 of 8 career games vs. Tenn. CB JASON DAVID has at least 1 INT vs. each AFC South foe.

## DETROIT LIONS (0-4) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (2-2) SERIES

	<u>LIONS</u>	VIKINGS
SERIES LEADER		58-29-2
STREAKS		14 of past 16
COACHES VS. OPP.	Marinelli: 0-0	Linehan: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 41-34 at Rams	L 17-12 at Bills
LAST GAME	12/4/05: Vikings 21 at Lions 16. Minnesota QB Brad Johnson finds WR Koren Robinson for	
	80 yards on Vikings' 1st play from scrimmage as Vikes win 5th consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/6/05: Vikings 27, Lions 14. Minnesota scores 21 points in 3:24 span during 2nd quarter	
	as Vikings quarterback Brad Johnson wins 1st start of season.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan, Chris Myers (Field reporter)	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Kitna: 98-150-1,081-4-3-87.1	Johnson: 81-136-927-2-3-75.8
RUSHING	K. Jones: 62-253-4.14-3	C. Taylor: 85 (3C)-298-3.5-1
RECEIVING	R. Williams: 25 (2C)-384 (1C)-15.4-1	Williamson: 16-245-15.3-0
OFFENSE	322.5	322.5
TAKE/GIVE	-4	-2
DEFENSE	368.5	289.5
SACKS	Rogers: 2.0	K. Williams: 2.0
INTs		D. Smith: 1
PUNTING	Harris: 42.8	Kluwe: 39.5
KICKING	Hanson 23 (8/8 PAT; 5/7 FG)	Longwell: 33 (3/3 PAT; 10/12 FG)

#### **NOTES**

LIONS: 6 of past 7 home games vs. Vikes decided by 7 points or less...QB JON KITNA is 22-13 (.629) when posting multiple-TD pass game. Ranks 1st in NFL in completions (98), 2nd in pass attempts (150), 3rd with 1,081 passing yards & 7th with 65.3 comp. pct. RB KEVIN JONES rushed for 93 yards vs. StL (2 TDs), giving him 2,050 career rushing yards. Rushed for 100 yards on 19 carries on 11/21/04 vs. Vikes, his 1st career 100-yard rushing game. Ranks 2nd among NFL RBs with 21 receptions (131 yards)...WR ROY WILLIAMS seeks 3rd consecutive 100-yard receiving game. Ties for 5th among NFL WRs with 6 catches of 20+ yards. WR MIKE FURREY had 1st 2 NFL TD receptions (1 & 10 yards) vs. Rams last week...DAN CAMPBELL ties for 1st among NFL TEs with 4 catches of 20+ yards & 2nd among TEs with 5+ catches with 18.0-yards per catch avg (6-108)...Defense allows 3.0 rushing yards per carry, 4th in NFL...DE KALIMBA EDWARDS has 3 sacks in past 3 games vs. Min...Rookie LB ERNIE SIMS has started each of 1st 4 games...VIKINGS: Seek 9th consecutive win vs. Lions, most by club in series since 13-game win streak from '68-'74...QB BRAD JOHNSON has won 5 consecutive starts vs. Det. Is 36-22 (.621) all-time as starter in home games with 81 TDs vs. 48 INTs...RB CHESTER TAYLOR ranks 5th in NFL with 85 carries (298 yards)...WR MARCUS ROBINSON has team leading 2 TD catches. Avgs. 29.5 yards per TD catch, 3rd-best among active players with min. 30 TD catches. In 4 of 7 career starts, 2nd-year WR TROY WILLIAMSON has TD or 30+ yard reception...Since joining club in '04, **JERMAINE WIGGINS** is 1 of 4 NFL TEs with 150+ receptions (154 for 1,394 yards). Ranks 3rd among NFC TEs in '06 with 14 catches for 121 yards...Defense holds opponents to 30.4 3rd down conversion pct. (17 of 56), 7th-best in NFL...Since '03 rookie year, KEVIN WILLIAMS has 28 sacks, 2nd among NFL DTs. S DARREN SHARPER has 7 career picks vs. Lions, tied for his most vs. any club (Chi). His 7 picks vs. Det ties for 2nd-most against Lions since '70, trailing only JOEY BROWNER's 9...K RYAN LONGWELL has connected on 84.1 pct. of FG atts. (116 of 138) vs. division opponents, including 6 of 10 from 50+ yards.

### MIAMI DOLPHINS (1-3) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (3-1) SERIES

	<u>DOLPHINS</u>	<u>PATRIOTS</u>
SERIES LEADER	46-32	
STREAKS		5 of past 7
COACHES VS. OPP.	Saban: 1-1	Belichick: 6-8
LAST WEEK	L 17-15 at Texans	W 38-13 at Bengals
LAST GAME	1/1/06: Dolphins 28 at Patriots 26. Miami RB Ricky Williams rushes for 108 yards as Dolphins win 6th consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/1/06	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Culpepper: 81 (3C)-134-929 (3C)-2-3-	Brady: 72-133-891-6 (T2C)-3-80.7
	77.0	
RUSHING	Brown: 68-239-3.5-2	Maroney (R): 60-294-4.9-3
RECEIVING	Brown (RB): 18-222-12.3-0	Watson (TE): 12-178-14.8-0
OFFENSE	284.5	367.8 (1C)
TAKE/GIVE	+2	-2
DEFENSE	276.3	314.3
SACKS	Taylor, Traylor: 3.0	J. Green: 3.5
INTs	W. Allen, Daniels, Z. Thomas: 1	Bruschi: 1
PUNTING	Jones: 45.0	Miller: 45.4
KICKING	Mare: 21 (3/3 PAT; 6/8 FG)	Gostkowski: 20 (11/11 PAT; 3/6 FG)

#### **NOTES**

HEAD COACHES NICK SABAN (Mia) & BILL BELICHICK (NE) worked together for 4 years in Cleveland (1991-94). Belichick was Browns' head coach while Saban served as club's defensive coordinator...DOLPHINS: QB DAUNTE CULPEPPER aims for 3rd consecutive game vs. NE with 2+ TD passes. Has 4 TDs vs. 1 INT in 2 career starts...RB RONNIE BROWN has 100+ scrimmage yards in past 3 games. Had career-best 8 catches & 62 yards last week...WR CHRIS CHAMBERS has 5 TDs in past 5 vs. division. Has catch in 51 consecutive games. In 2 games at NE with Miami, WR MARTY BOOKER has 14 catches for 209 yards & 1 TD. Last week, WR-KR WES WELKER became club's all-time leader with 2,962 KR yards...Defense is 2nd in AFC with 12 sacks. DE JASON TAYLOR has 95.5 career sacks & needs 4.5 to reach 100. In past 10 vs. Pats, Taylor has 7.5 sacks. DE KEVIN CARTER has 0.5+ sack in 3 of 5 games vs. NE. LB ZACH THOMAS has 10+ sacks in 30 of past 35 games. Defense aims for 5th consecutive game vs. Pats QB Brady with INT. Team has 8 INTs in past 4 vs. Brady...PATRIOTS: Head coach Belichick has 29-13 (.690) record in division games with Pats & has guided team to 4 AFC East crowns since taking over in 2000...QB TOM BRADY is 27-6 (.818) in career vs. AFC East, passing for 6,475 yards with 47 TDs vs. 25 INTs. Offense (367.8) is best in AFC...RB LAURENCE MARONEY leads NFL rookies in rush yards (294), scrimmage yards (370) & TDs (3). Ran for career-best 125 yards & 2 TDs last week, most rush yards by NE rookie since 1998. Ties for NFL lead with 4 rushes of 20+ yards. RB COREY DILLON (10,665) moved into 15th place all-time in career rushing with 67 yards last week... WR DOUG GABRIEL aims for TD in 3rd game in row for 1st time in career. WR TROY BROWN had career-long 82-yard game-winning OT TD vs. Dolphins (10/19/03). TE BEN WATSON aims for 3rd consecutive meeting with TD. Had 3 TDs in 2 games last year vs. Mia...LB JUNIOR SEAU played 3 seasons with Dolphins (2003-05). DT RICHARD SEYMOUR has 4.5 sacks in past 5 division gms. DE JARVIS GREEN had career-best 3.0 sacks last wk. Defense has 8 sacks in 2 gms vs. QB Culpepper.

### TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (0-3) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (3-1) SERIES

	BUCCANEERS	SAINTS
SERIES LEADER		17-11
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gruden: 5-4	Payton: 0-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 3 L 26-24 vs. Panthers)	L 21-18 at Panthers
LAST GAME	1/1/06: Saints 13 at Buccaneers 27. Tampa Bay QB Chris Simms throws for 2 TDs as	
	Buccaneers clinch NFC South championship.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/14/05: Buccaneers 10, Saints 3 (Baton Rouge). Tampa Bay CB Ronde Barber	
	intercepts 3 passes, including pick with 1:20 remaining to seal victory for Buccaneers.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Matt Vasgersian, JC Pearson, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Gradkowski (R): 2-6-20-0-0-43.8	Brees: 90 (3C)-137-1,063 (3C)-4-2-92.8
RUSHING	C. Williams: 42-107-2.5-1	McAllister: 257-4.0-3
RECEIVING	Galloway: 10-169-16.9-1	Bush (RB): 23-187-8.1-0
OFFENSE	234.0	359.8
TAKE/GIVE	-3	-1
DEFENSE	334.3	281.0
SACKS	White: 3.0	Young: 3.5
INTs	Brooks: 1	Bullocks, Fujita, Stoutmire: 1
PUNTING	Bidwell: 45.3	Weatherford: 44.2
KICKING	M. Bryant: 9 (3/3 PAT; 2/4 FG)	Carney: 38 (3C) (8/8 PAT; 10/11 FG)

#### **NOTES**

BUCCANEERS: Are 3-1 in past 4 NFC South road games...Rookie QB BRUCE GRADKOWSKI (6th-round, Toledo) makes 1st NFL start. Seeks to become 2nd Bucs rookie QB (SHAUN KING, '99) to win 1st start...RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS avgs. 90.3 rushing yards per game in 4 career road games vs. division opponents, with 3 TDs. RB MIKE ALSTOTT (414) is club leader with 68 TDs & needs 3 points to pass DONALD IGWEBUIKE (416) for 3rd in club history. Needs 7 receptions to pass KEYSHAWN JOHNSON (298) for 3rd in club annals. Among active players with 30 career TD catches, WR JOEY GALLOWAY ranks 1st avging 30.7 yards per TD catch. WR MICHAEL CLAYTON is from Baton Rouge, LA & was college standout at LSU...Defense ranks 5th in NFL allowing 164.3 passing yards per game...DE SIMEON RICE has 5 sacks in past 4 vs. division. Ranks 2nd among active players with 120 sacks & needs 2 to pass CLYDE SIMMONS (121.5) for 12th in NFL history. **DE DEWAYNE WHITE** seeks sack in 5th consecutive game...**SAINTS**: Past 4 home games vs. Bucs decided by 7 points or less...In past 12 starts vs. division opponents, QB DREW BREES is 8-4 (.667) with 16 TDs vs. 4 INTs & 99.0 passer rating...In 6 career starts vs. TB, RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER avgs. 96.3 rushing yards per game with 3 100-yard games. Has 37 career rushing TDs & 1,118 rushes & needs 3 & 9 to pass DALTON HILLIARD (39, 1,126) for most in franchise history. 1st-round pick REGGIE BUSH ranks 1st among rookies & all NFL RBs with 23 receptions (187 yards) while 7th-round choice MARQUES COLSTON leads rookies in receiving yards (336) & ties for 1st with 3 TDs. Had 86-yard TD catch vs. Panthers, longest in club history by rookie. Club is 10-4 (.714) when **WR JOE HORN** has 100-yard receiving game vs. division foes...Defense ranks 2nd allowing 4.9 yards per pass & 7th yielding 4.5 yards per play...With 3.5 sacks, BRIAN YOUNG ranks 2nd among NFL DTs. DE WILL SMITH has sack in 3 of past 4 games...K JOHN CARNEY ranks 7th in NFL history with 1,672 career points.

## WASHINGTON REDSKINS (2-2) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (1-2) SERIES

	REDSKINS	GIANTS
SERIES LEADER		82-60-4
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gibbs: 14-15	Coughlin: 3-4
LAST WEEK	W 36-30 (OT) vs. Jaguars	Bye (Wk. 2: L 42-30 at Seahawks)
LAST GAME	12/24/05: Giants 20 at Redskins 35. Washington WR Santana Moss has 160 yards	
	receiving & 3 TD catches.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/30/05: Giants 36, Redskins 0. New York RB Tiki Barber rushes for 206 yards & 1 TD	
	while Giants K Jay Feely connects on 5 FGs.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Brunell: 77-118-950-4-2-94.2	Manning: 75-113-893-8(T2L)-5-95.5 (3C)
RUSHING	Portis: 53-237-4.5-4 (T1L)	Barber: 53-225-4.2-0
RECEIVING	Moss: 17-326-19.2-3	Toomer: 20-207-10.4-3
OFFENSE	371.8 (3L)	391.3 (2L)
TAKE/GIVE	+1	-2
DEFENSE	311.0	370.3
SACKS	Evans: 2.0	Robbins, Umenyiora: 1.0
INTs	Daniels, Wright: 1.0	McQuarters: 2
PUNTING	Frost: 44.7	Feagles: 45.3
KICKING	Hall: 33 (9/9 PAT; 8/9 FG)	Feely: 15 (9/9 PAT; 2/3 FG)

#### **NOTES**

REDSKINS: Head coach JOE GIBBS (159-84) needs win to become 12th coach in NFL history with 160 career wins... QB MARK BRUNELL has led club to 30+ points in 5 of past 7 starts. Avgs. 8.05 yards per pass att, 4th-best in NFL. Has 73.7 comp. pct. in past 2 games (42 of 57) & seeks to post passer rating of 117+ in 3rd consecutive game for 1st time in 14-year career...RB CLINTON PORTIS seeks 4th consecutive 100-yard rushing game vs. division opponents. In 12 NFC East games since joining club in '04, has rushed for 920 yards. Has 49 career rushing TDs & needs 1 for 50. RB LADELL BETTS has 342 yards from scrimmage through 3 games (223 rush, 119 rec)...In 3 career games vs. NYG, WR SANTANA MOSS has 6 TD receptions & 2 100-yard games, totaling 19 receptions for 315 yards. Faces brother, Giants 2nd-round rookie WR SINORICE MOSS, for 1st time...TE CHRIS COOLEY has TD catch in 3 of 4 career games vs. NYG...Defense is 5th in NFL allowing 79.5 rush yards per game...DE PHILIP DANIELS has 7 sacks in past 7 games...GIANTS: Rank 2nd in NFL avging. 6.1 yards per play, 2nd with 5.0-yard avg. per rush & 8th with 7.3-yard net avg. per pass...QB ELI MANNING is 5-1 (.833) in past 6 vs. division. Leads NFL with 7.1 TD pct. (8 TDs in 113 atts) & ranks 4th with 107.0 4th-quarter passer rating as club outscores foes 51-10 in 4th quarter...RB TIKI BARBER needs 150 receiving yards to become 3rd player in NFL history with 9,000 rushing (9,012) & 5,000 receiving. 2nd-year RB BRANDON JACOBS avgs. 7.0 yards per carry (14-98)...WR AMANI **TOOMER** has 6+ catches in past 3 games vs. NFC East & 222 receiving yards in past 2 vs. division with 3 TD catches. Club 4-1 when WR PLAXICO BURRESS posts 100-yard receiving game...JEREMY SHOCKEY (259) needs 8 catches to pass MARK BAVARO (266) for 2nd among Giants TEs all-time...DE MICHAEL STRAHAN (129.5) needs 3.5 sacks to pass LAWRENCE TAYLOR (132.5) for most by Giant... LBs LA VAR ARRINGTON ('00-'05) & ANTONIO PIERCE ('01-'04) began careers in Wash. Arrington faces Was for 1st time.

### KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (1-2) AT ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-3) SERIES

	CHIEFS	CARDINALS
SERIES LEADER	6-2-1	
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Edwards: 1-0	Green: 1-2
LAST WEEK	W 41-0 vs. 49ers	L 32-10 at Falcons
LAST GAME	12/1/02: Cardinals 0 at Chiefs 49. Kansas City QB Trent Green passes for 2 TDs &	
	Chiefs RB Priest Holmes rushes for 2 more.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/21/01: Cardinals 24, Chiefs 16. Arizona scores on 3 consecutive 2nd-half	
	possessions & Cardinals S Corey Chavous intercepts end zone pass with 5 seconds	
	remaining.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:05 PM MST): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcots	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Huard: 47-66-481-3-0-106.9 (2L)	Leinart (R): 5-8-49-0-1-40.1
RUSHING	L. Johnson: 74-295-4.0-2	James: 88 (3L)-272-3.1-2
RECEIVING	Gonzalez (TE): 17-147-8.6-1	Boldin: 24 (T3C)-295-12.3-1
OFFENSE	299.3	289.3
TAKE/GIVE	+1	-4
DEFENSE	239.7 (3L)	375.8
SACKS	Hali (R), D. Johnson: 1.5	Wilson: 2.0
INTs	Three tied: 1	Wilson: 2
PUNTING	Colquitt: 44.8	Player: 42.3
KICKING	Tynes: 21 (6/6 PAT; 5/6 FG)	Rackers: 20 (8/8 PAT; 4/6 FG)

#### **NOTES**

CHIEFS: Last week's 41-0 win vs. 49ers marked KC's 19th franchise shutout & the 3rd largest margin of victory in team history...In 8 career starts QB DAMON HUARD is 6-2, throwing 7 TDs vs. 2 INT in those games. Ranks 2nd in NFL with 106.9 passer rating; completed 18 of 23 (78.3 pct.) last wk w/ 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs...With 101 yards rushing (2 TDs) vs. SF, RB LARRY JOHNSON (15) passed CHRISTIAN OKOYE (14) for 2nd most 100-yard rushing games in club history (PRIEST HOLMES, 24). Johnson has 310 yards rushing (155.0 avg.) & 5 TDs in past 2 on the road vs. NFC...TE TONY GONZALEZ (57) needs 1 TD catch to surpass OTIS TAYLOR (57; 1965-75) for most by a Chief & has 4+ receptions in 10 of past 11 road games...Defense has not allowed TD pass in franchise-record 12 consecutive quarters to start season & ranks 3rd in league, allowing 239.7 yards per game. Rookie **DE TAMBA HALI** had 1.5 sacks & 1 FF last week...Club ranks 1st with 14.5 PR avg & allow 2.8 per PR, 2nd in NFL...CARDINALS: Offense ranks 4th in NFL in 3rd down efficiency, converting 44.2 pct. (23 of 52)...Rookie QB MATT LEINART makes 1st NFL start. Seeks to become 1st Cardinals rookie QB to win 1st NFL start since GARY KEITHLEY in '73...In 100 career games, RB EDGERRIN JAMES has rushed for 100 yards 49 times. Needs 100-yard game to become 2nd-fastest all-time to 50, trailing only Pro Football HOFer ERIC DICKERSON (83). Has 100+ yards rushing in 3 of 4 career games vs. KC...WR ANQUAN BOLDIN (295) & LARRY FITZGERALD (316) are 1 of 4 NFL receiving tandems with 295+ yards each. Boldin has 8 3rd down receptions (107 yards), tied for 3rd in NFL, while Fitzgerald ties for 2nd in NFL with 19 receiving 1st downs. WR BRYANT JOHNSON ties for 2nd in NFL with 2 catches of 40+ yards. Has 4 catches for 145 yards & 1 TD on season...S ADRIAN WILSON leads NFL DBs with 10 sacks since '05 & his 2 sacks in '06 tie for 3rdbest among NFL DBs. Had franchise-record 99-yard INT-TD last week vs. Falcons, topping record of 96 yards by LARRY WILSON on 12/19/65.

## NEW YORK JETS (2-2) AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (2-2) SERIES

	<u>JETS</u>	<u>JAGUARS</u>
SERIES LEADER		4-2
STREAKS		4 of past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mangini: 0-0	Del Rio: 1-1
LAST WEEK	L 31-28 vs. Colts	L 36-30 (OT) at Redskins
LAST GAME	9/25/05: Jaguars 26 at Jets 20. Jacksonville QB Byron Leftwich throws game-winning 36-	
	yard TD to WR Jimmy Smith in OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/29/02: Jaguars 28, Jets 3. Jacksonville RB Stacey Mack rushes for 3 TDs & Jaguars	
	RB Fred Taylor adds 142 yards with 1 TD.	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:05 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Pennington: 82-122-1,015 (2C)-6 (T2C)-2-102.3 (3C)	Leftwich: 86-136-893-5-5-79.1
RUSHING	Barlow: 50-143-2.9-4 (T1L)	Taylor: 71-256-3.6-1
RECEIVING	Coles: 30 (T1L)-412 (2L)-13.7-1	R. Williams: 21-243-11.6-3 (T1L)
OFFENSE	327.0	318.3
TAKE/GIVE	+2	+1
DEFENSE	378.3	307.3
SACKS	Rhodes: 3.0	Henderson, McCray: 2.0
INTs	Barrett, Dyson: 2 (T2C)	Mathis: 4 (1L)
PUNTING	Graham: 44.4	Hanson: 45.1
KICKING	Nugent: 18 (12/13 PAT; 2/4 FG)	Scobee: 29 (8/8 PAT; 7/10 FG)

#### **NOTES**

GAME FEATURES former college teammates at Marshall in starting QBs CHAD PENNINGTON (NYJ) & BYRON LEFTWICH (Jax). Pennington (1995-99) is school's all-time leading passer (13,143 yards, 115 TDs) & Leftwich (1998-2002) ranks 2nd (11,903, 89)... JETS: QB Pennington has won both road starts in 2006, posting 109.7 rating with 69.4 comp. pct. (43 of 62), 502 yards & 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs...RB KEVAN BARLOW ties for 1st in NFL with 4 rushing TDs. Rookie RB LEON WASHINGTON hails from Jacksonville & attended Andrew Jackson High. Has 118 scrimmage yards on 19 touches (6.2 avg.) in past 2 games...WR LAVERANUES COLES is Jacksonville native & attended Ribault High. Ties for lead in NFL with 30 receptions & ranks 2nd with 412 yards. WR JERRICHO COTCHERY has TD in 3 of 4 games & ties for NFL lead with 3 receiving TDs...S KERRY RHODES has 3.0 sacks & 3 FFs in past 3 games. KR-CB JUSTIN MILLER had franchise-record 103-yd TD KR last wk & leads NFL w/ 31.7 KR avg. CB ANDRE DYSON has 2 INTs in career vs. Jax. Ties for 2nd in AFC, along with CB DAVID BARRETT, with 2 INTs...JAGUARS: QB Leftwich has won 13 of past 17 at home & has TD pass in 15 of those 17 (20 TDs vs. 8 INTs)...RB FRED TAYLOR has 359 rushing yards (119.7 per game) & 2 TDs in 3 career games vs. NYJ. Had career-best 95 receiving yards in 9/29/02 meeting. Rookie RB MAURICE JONES-DREW has 191 scrimmage yards on 23 touches (8.3 avg.) & 2 TDs in past 2 games, including 100-yard rush performance. Jones-Drew has 6 catches on 3rd-down for 83 yds (13.8 avg.) w/ 2 TDs...In last meeting, WR ERNEST WILFORD had 21-yard TD catch. In career, 74.0 pct. of catches have resulted in 1st downs (54 of 73). WR REGGIE WILLIAMS had career-high 2 TDs on 5 catches for 93 yards last week. Ties for league lead with 3 receiving TDs...Defense has 7 sacks & 4 INTs in 3 games vs. Jets QB Pennington. CB RASHEAN MATHIS leads NFL with 4 INTs. With INT last week, became team's all-time leader with 16 INTs. Club has recorded sack in 17 of past 18.

## OAKLAND RAIDERS (0-4) AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1-3) SERIES

	RAIDERS	49ERS
SERIES LEADER	6-4	
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shell: 1-1	Nolan: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 24-21 vs. Browns	L 41-0 at Chiefs
LAST GAME	11/3/02: 49ers 23 at Raiders 20 (OT). San Francisco's Jose Cortez kicks game-	
	winning 23-yard FG in OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/8/00: Raiders 34, 49ers 28 (OT). Oakland QB Rich Gannon throws game-winning	
	31-yard TD pass to WR Tim Brown in OT.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:05 PM PT): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Walter: 21-55-258-1-4-29.2	A. Smith: 74-133-906-3-2-78.1
RUSHING	Jordan: 49-183-3.7-1	Gore: 75-331-4.4-3 (T2C)
RECEIVING	Moss: 7-84-12.0-1	Gore (RB): 16-129-8.1-0
OFFENSE	177.0	327.5
TAKE/GIVE	-4	-6
DEFENSE	283.0	345.3
SACKS	Burgess, Sapp: 2.0	C. Williams: 2.5
INTs	Asomugha: 2 (T2C)	0
PUNTING	Lechler: 48.7 (1C)	Lee: 42.7
KICKING	Janikowski: 9 (3/3 PAT; 2/2 FG)	Nedney: 23 (8/8 PAT; 5/8 FG)

#### **NOTES**

PAST 2 MEETINGS in series decided in OT. Four of past 5 have been within 6 points or less...RAIDERS: Club is 85-48-1 (.639) vs. NFC since '70 merger...QB ANDREW WALTER made 1st career start last week vs. Browns...RB LA MONT **JORDAN** rushed for 17-yard TD in last game vs. SF (10/17/04 with Jets). Has 8 total TDs (7 rush, 1 rec) in past 5 Oct. games & aims for 6th consecutive game in month with TD...WR RANDY MOSS has 99 career receiving TDs & needs 1 to become 7th player ever with 100. In last game vs. SF, Moss had 8 catches for 172 yards & tied career-high with 3 TDs, his 5th career 3-TD game. Moss' teams are 5-0 when he has 3 TDs & 11-1 (.917) when he has 150+ yards...DE DERRICK BURGESS has 5 sacks, 2 FFs & 1 FR in past 3 interconference games & aims for 4th in row vs. NFC with sack. Has 2+ sacks in 4 of past 5 Oct. games (8 total). DT WARREN SAPP had 1st career 2.5+ sack game vs. SF (8/31/97). Has 4 in career & his teams are 4-0...KR CHRIS CARR stands 5th in AFC with 27.1 average...49ERS: 2nd-year QB ALEX SMITH has TD pass in 4 of past 5 games & 84.0+ passer rating in 3 of past 4 games...2nd-year **RB FRANK GORE** ranks 2nd in NFL with 460 yards from scrimmage (331 rushing, 129 receiving). Ties for 4th in NFL with 20 1st downs & 3 rushing TDs. Rookie 4th-round RB MICHAEL ROBINSON ties for 3rd among NFL rookies with 2 TDs...RB-KR MAURICE HICKS ranks 2nd in NFC & 6th in NFL with 27.2-yard KR avg...WR ANTONIO BRYANT ties for 2nd in NFL with 7 catches of 20+ yards & 2 catches of 40+ yards. Avgs. 22.1 yards per reception (14-310), 2nd in NFL among players with 10+ catches. WR ARNAZ BATTLE ranks 2nd on club with 157 receiving yards on 11 receptions...Defense ties for 5th in NFL with 12 sacks...DT BRYANT YOUNG has 79.5 career sacks & needs 0.5 to become 6th active player with 80...1st-round LB MANNY LAWSON (No. 22 overall) ties for 3rd among NFL rookies with 2 sacks...In 1st season with SF, S CHAD WILLIAMS ranks 2nd among NFL DBs with career-high 2.5 sacks.

## DALLAS COWBOYS (2-1) AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (3-1) SERIES

	COWBOYS	<u>EAGLES</u>
SERIES LEADER	51-39	
STREAKS		9 of past 12
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 12-10	Reid: 10-4
LAST WEEK	W 45-14 at Titans	W 31-9 vs. Packers
LAST GAME	11/14/05: Cowboys 21 at Eagles 20. Dallas S Roy Williams returns interception 46 yards for TD as Cowboys erase 13-point deficit in final 4 minutes.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/14/05	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Bledsoe: 48-91-52.7-662-5-4-76.4	McNabb: 85-143 (3L)-1,248 (1L)-9 (1L)-1-106.0
		(1C)
RUSHING	J.Jones: 60-288-4.8-2	Westbrook: 44-256-5.8-3
RECEIVING	T. Glenn: 15-299-15.3-3	Smith (TE): 18-224-12.4-1
OFFENSE	362.0	426.5 (1L)
TAKE/GIVE	+/- 0	+1
DEFENSE	260.3 (2C)	338.8
SACKS	Ratliff: 2.0	T. Cole: 5.0 (T1L)
INTs	R. Williams: 2 (T2C)	M. Lewis, Ramsey, Trotter: 1
PUNTING	McBriar: 49.9 (1L)	D. Johnson: 43.1
KICKING	Vanderjagt: 18 (9/9 PAT; 3/4 FG)	Akers: 27 (15/15 PAT; 4/6 FG)

#### **NOTES**

COWBOYS: Head coach BILL PARCELLS is 55-36-1 (.603) all time vs. NFC East opponents...QB DREW BLEDSOE (249) needs TD pass to become 12th player in NFL history with 250 career. Seeks 3rd consecutive win as starter vs. Eagles...RB JULIUS JONES has rushed for 70+ yards in 18 of 22 career starts, including 122-yard, 1 TD game last week...WR TERRELL **OWENS** returns to Phil for 1st time as member of Cowboys. Spent '04-'05 with Eagles, helping club to berth in SB XXXIX. WR TERRY GLENN's teams are 17-4 (.810) when he posts 100-yard game...JASON WITTEN (197) needs 3 receptions to become 4th TE in team history with 200 career. Had career high 133 receiving yards & career high-tying 9 catches in last game vs. Phi...Defense ranks 1st in NFC & 4th in NFL allowing 4.2 yards per play...2nd-year LB DE MARCUS WARE has 5 sacks in past 5 games...CB AARON GLENN had 40th career INT last week vs. Titans & is 1 of 4 active players with 40+ career INTs (Ty Law, Troy Vincent, Darren Sharper). S ROY WILLIAMS seeks sack or INT in 4th game in row vs. Eagles. Had 46-yard INT-TD in last meeting... EAGLES: Rank 1st in NFL avging. 6.6 yards per play & 297 passing yards per game...QB DONOVAN MC NABB is 8-4 (.667) all-time as starter vs. Cowboys. Ranks 1st in NFL with 8.73-yards per pass avg. & has 2+ TD passes in 4 consecutive games & 300-yard passing games in 3 of 4 '06 starts. His 94.3 3rd down passer rating, 7th in league, helps club convert 46.0 pct. on 3rd downs (23 of 50), 3rd in NFL...RB BRIAN WESTBROOK ranks 5th in NFL with 420 yards from scrimmage. Club is 18-5 (.783) all-time when Westbrook has 100 scrimmage yards...DONTÉ STALLWORTH ties for 2nd among NFL WRs with 7 catches of 20+ yards. Avgs. 20.7 yards per catch, 4th in NFL (min. 10 catches)...L.J. SMITH ties for 1st among NFL TEs with 4 catches of 20+ yards & ranks 3rd with 18 receptions & 224 receiving yards...DE TRENT COLE ties for NFL lead with 5 sacks & has 10 sacks in 19 career games. DT MIKE PATTERSON ties for NFL lead with 2 defensive fumble recoveries. **S BRIAN DAWKINS** (28) needs 2 INTs to become 5th player in franchise history with 30.

#### **SUNDAY NIGHT**

#### PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-2) AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (2-1)

#### **SERIES**

	<u>STEELERS</u>	<u>CHARGERS</u>							
SERIES LEADER	19-5								
STREAKS	Past 5								
COACHES VS. OPP.	Cowher: 7-2	Schottenheimer: 9-8							
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk.3 L 28-20 vs. Bengals)	L 16-13 at Ravens							
LAST GAME	10/10/05: Steelers 24 at Chargers 22. Pittsburgh K Jeff Reed connects on 40-yard								
	FG with six seconds remaining.								
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/10/05								
BROADCAST	NBC (5:15 PM PT): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter).								
	Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter).								

#### **STATS**

PASSING	Roethlisberger: 35-71-349-0-5- 34.3	Rivers: 46-68-488-3-1-96.9
RUSHING	Parker: 71-268-3.8-2	Tomlinson: 77-300(3C)-3.9-3
RECEIVING	Haynes: 10-59-5.9-0	Tomlinson (RB): 11-76-6.9-0
OFFENSE	286.7	354.0
TAKE/GIVE	-2	+5 (3C)
DEFENSE	295.3	184.3 (1L)
SACKS	Foote, Haggans, Porter: 2.0	Merriman: 4.0 (T3C)
INTs	Five tied: 1	Jammer: 2
PUNTING	Gardocki: 45.0	Scifres: 47.1 (3L)
KICKING	Reed: 12 (6/6 PAT; 2/4 FG)	Kaeding: 32 (T2C) (8/8 PAT; 8/9 FG)

#### **NOTES**

MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER ('84-88) was Browns' head coach when BILL COWHER began NFL coaching career as team's special teams ('85-86) & secondary asst. ('87-88)... STEELERS: Team seeks 3rd consecutive win on Sunday Night. Club has been penalized 6 times, fewest in league...QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER has 11-2 (.846) career road record as starter, averaging 8.46 yards per att. (303 atts/2,562 yds) in those games...RB WILLIE PARKER rushed for 133 yards & career-high 2 TDs vs. Cin. in Wk. 3. Has 533 rushing yards (106.6) w/ 4 100s & 3 TDs in past 5 games...TE HEATH MILLER averages 20.9 yards per catch (7 for 146), tops among NFL TEs (min. 5 rec.) & has converted 5 of 7 receptions for 1st downs...WR HINES WARD (122) owns 4th-longest active consecutive games streak w/ catch...LB JOEY PORTER has 3.5 sacks in 3 career games vs. SD. Defense ranks 4th in NFL vs. rush (78.3 yds/game) & have posted top-5 mark in league in 4 of past 5 vrs...CHARGERS: Schottenheimer (193) needs 1 win to surpass CHUCK KNOX (193) for 7th most wins in NFL history...QB PHILIP RIVERS (96.7) is NFL's 7th-highest rated passer w/ 3rd-best comp. pct. mark (67.6; 46 of 68) in league...RB LA **DANIAN TOMLINSON** has 87 touchdowns in 81 career games & needs 3 to reach 90 in 2nd fewest games (HOF **JIM** BROWN, 81). Tomlinson (300) & RB MICHAEL TURNER (221) 1 of 4 NFL teammate tandems w/ 220+ rush yds...WR KEENAN MC CARDELL (10,756) needs 101 rec. yds to surpass GARY CLARK for 17th most in NFL history. In past 6 at home, TE ANTONIO GATES has 474 rec. yards (89.0 avg.) & 6 TDs ...LB SHAWNE MERRIMAN 1 of only 2 LBs with 4.0+ sacks & 1+ INT...Defense leads NFL in fewest yards allowed (184.3) & has yet to allow points in 2nd or 3rd qtr, outscoring opponents 39-0 in those gtrs...LS DAVID BINN to play in 195th career game Sunday night which would tie DOUG WILKERSON (1971-84) for 2nd-most w/ team (200: JUNIOR SEAU, 1990-02; RUSS WASHINGTON, 1968-82).

#### **MONDAY NIGHT**

#### **BALTIMORE RAVENS (4-0) AT DENVER BRONCOS (2-1)**

#### **SERIES**

	RAVENS	BRONCOS						
SERIES LEADER	3-2							
STREAKS	3 of past 4							
COACHES VS. OPP.	Billick: 3-2	Shanahan: 2-4						
LAST WEEK	16-13 W vs. Chargers	Bye (Wk. 3 W 17-7 at Patriots)						
LAST GAME	12/11/05: Ravens 10 at Broncos 12. Denver defense forces 4 turnovers as Broncos							
	increase lead in AFC West to 2 games.							
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/11/05							
BROADCAST	ESPN (6:30 PM MT): Mike Tirico, Joe Theismann, Tony Kornheiser, Suzy Kolber,							
	Michelle Tafoya (Field reporters). Westwood One Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason,							
	John Dockery (Field reporter).							

#### **STATS**

PASSING	McNair: 73-131-746-5-3-75.4	Plummer: 44-86-567-2-4-60.6					
RUSHING	J. Lewis: 73-268-3.7-1	T. Bell: 58-295-5.1-0					
RECEIVING	Mason: 20-265-13.3-0	Walker: 11-250-22.7-2					
OFFENSE	270.3	325.7					
TAKE/GIVE	+8 (1C)	-4					
DEFENSE	219.0 (2L)	322.0					
SACKS	Scott: 5.0 (T1L)	Chukwurah, Ekuban: 1.5					
INTs	McAlister: 2 (T2C)	0					
PUNTING	Koch: 44.5	Ernster: 44.6					
KICKING	Stover: 34 (1C) (7/7 PAT; 9/9 FG) Elam: 18 (3/3 PAT; 5/6 FG)						

#### **NOTES**

RAVENS: Club is 4-0 for 1st time & aims for 3rd consecutive road win. Under head coach BRIAN BILLICK (since 1999), team is 51-6 (.895) when leading after 3 gtrs...Denver 1 of 2 teams (Tenn) QB STEVE MC NAIR has never faced. McNair has TD pass in 15 of past 18 on road...RB JAMAL LEWIS has rush TD in each of 2 career mtgs w/ 212 rush yds in those games...Since Dec. 1 of '05 (9 games), WR MARK CLAYTON has 39 catches for 475 yds & 2 TDs. TE TODD HEAP has 2nd most catches by TE w/ 19 & leads TEs w/ 3 TD catches...Offensive line has allowed 7 sacks in 4 games. Team has +10 sack differential, tied w/ SD for NFL's 2nd best mark (Chi, +12). Club outscoring opponents in 4th qtr 38-3...DE TREVOR PRYCE (1997-05) & RB MIKE ANDERSON (2000-05) are former Broncos. Pryce has 2.5 sacks in past 3 games & Anderson (3,881) needs 119 rush yds for 4,000 career. Since 1996, club has posted NFL-best 8 shutouts w/ 4 on road...BRONCOS: Club is 55-28 (.662) following by wk under head coach MIKE SHANAHAN & has won 11 in row at home. Team is 6-1 (.857) in past 7 games decided by 3 points or less...QB JAKE PLUMMER is 20-3 (.870) as starter at home for Broncos. Plummer has started 39 games in row for 3rd-longest streak in franchise history (HOF JOHN ELWAY 52 & 45)...RB TATUM BELL (5.1) has NFL's highest yds/carry avg. among RBs w/ 50+ carries. Eight of Bell's 58 carries (13.8 pct.) have gone for 10+ yds...WR JAVON WALKER leads NFL w/ 161 3rd down rec. yds w/ 2 TDs. WR ROD SMITH has 4+ catches in 4 career starts vs. Bal...CB CHAMP BAILEY has 113 career starts, 2nd-most starts by NFL CB since '99 (RONDE BARBER, TB, 114). Defense has forced fumble of RB Lewis in each of previous 2 mtgs. Club did not allow TD in 1st 11 qtrs of season, tying 1942 Chi. Cardinals for longest span of denying TD to begin season in NFL history...K JASON ELAM (35) has 2nd-most FGs of 50 yds or longer in NFL history (MORTEN ANDERSEN, 40).

### LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (OCT. 1-2)

Byes: Denver, N.Y. Giants, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay (Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, October 1

ATLANTA 32, Arizona 10
BALTIMORE 16, San Diego 13
BUFFALO 17, Minnesota 12
CAROLINA 21, New Orleans 18
HOUSTON 17, Miami 15
KANSAS CITY 41, San Francisco 0
Indianapolis 31, N.Y. JETS 28
Dallas 45, TENNESSEE 14

Sunday, October 1, cont.'d.

ST. LOUIS 41, Detroit 34
New England 38, CINCINNATI 13
Cleveland 24, OAKLAND 21
WASHINGTON 36, Jacksonville 30 (OT)
CHICAGO 37, Seattle 6

Monday, October 2

PHILADELPHIA 31, Green Bay 9

### 2006 NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE					NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE								
East Division							East Division						
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New England	3	1	0	.750	88	64	Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	117	73
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	70	65	Dallas	2	1	0	.667	89	48
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	96	91	Washington	2	2	0	.500	93	91
Miami	1	3	0	.250	51	71	N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	81	92
North Division North Division													
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Baltimore	4	0	0	1.000	86	33	_ Chicago	4	0	0	1.000	116	29
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	98	85	Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	63	65
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	48	54	Green Bay	1	3	0	.250	67	115
Cleveland	1	3	0	.250	69	89	Detroit	0	4	0	.000	71	115
South Division							South Division						
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Indianapolis	4	0	0	1.000	121	87	Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	69	42
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	77	74	New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	94	65
Houston	1	3	0	.250	66	113	Carolina	2	2	0	.500	66	78
Tennessee	0	4	0	.000	47	121	Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	27	67
West Division							West Division						
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	2	1	0	.667	36	31	St. Louis	3	1	0	.750	88	78
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	80	23	Seattle	3	1	0	.750	78	83
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	57	32	Arizona	1	3	0	.250	68	96
Oakland	0	3	0	.000	27	79	San Francisco	1	3	0	.250	71	126

### **WEEK 5 NFL SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 8-9**

Byes: Atlanta, Cincinnati, Houston, Seattle (All times local)

Sunday, October 8

Cleveland at Carolina, 1:00 PM
Buffalo at Chicago, 12:00 PM
St. Louis at Green Bay, 12:00 PM
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1:00 PM
Detroit at Minnesota, 12:00 PM
Miami at New England, 1:00 PM
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 12:00 PM
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1:00 PM

Sunday, October 8, cont.'d.

Kansas City at Arizona, 1:05 PM N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 4:05 PM Oakland at San Francisco, 1:05 PM Dallas at Philadelphia, 4:15 PM Pittsburgh at San Diego, 5:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, October 9

Baltimore at Denver, 6:30 PM (ESPN)